

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please make the following amendments in the specification.

On page 1, between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention" please insert --The present application is a continuation of Serial No. 10/103,563, filed March 22, 2002, which prior application is incorporated herein by reference.- -

Please amend the first full paragraph of page 7, beginning at line 13 as follows:

As a measuring device, there are provided in this example a device 41 for measuring power produced by the solar battery 31, a device 42 for measuring power consumption of each equipment, an inside-store illumination measuring device 43, an outside-store illumination measuring device 44, an interior temperature measuring device 45, an outside-store temperature measuring device 46, a device 47 for measuring the interior temperature of the freezing equipment 34 (a device for measuring the interior temperature of the freezing showcase), a device 48 for measuring the interior temperature of the refrigerating equipment 35, a counter ~~48~~ 49 for counting the number of times of opening/closing of the automatic door 37, and so forth. Each of the measuring devices is connected to the controller 10.

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 14, beginning at line 4 as follows:

When the monitoring PC 20 in the monitoring center 2 stores the inside-store temperature measured value, the outside-store temperature measured value, the interior temperature measured value, and the number of times of door opening/closing from the controller 10 (step ~~11~~ 111), it stores them in a storage device (step 112).

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 16 and 17, beginning at line 22 on page 16 as follows:

An inside-store temperature adjustment level (a recommended temperature level) for each time of all tomorrow is then determined, as indicated by B in Fig. 10, on the basis of the inside-store temperature estimated value for each time of all tomorrow and the received set temperature. That is, four types of inside-store temperature adjustment levels (levels 1 to 4) are prepared using the set ~~illumination~~ temperature as the best inside-store temperature adjustment level (level 4). The inside-store temperature adjustment level is determined such that the higher the inside-store temperature estimated value becomes, the lower the inside-store temperature adjustment level becomes.

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 17, beginning at line 4 as follows:

Furthermore, an electricity rate corresponding to the difference in power consumption between a case where the air conditioning equipment 33 is driven for a whole day such that the set temperature is obtained and a case where the air conditioning equipment 33 is driven for a ~~while~~ whole day such that the determined inside-store temperature adjustment level for each time is obtained is calculated.